

FOSTER CARE FACT SHEET

SEPTEMBER 2004

Number of Kids in Care:

At the end of FY 2004, the total abuse/neglect caseload was 19,514 with 17,240 in out-of-home care. In comparison, at the end of FY 2003, the total abuse/neglect caseload was 19,549 with 17,342 in out-of-home care, which is defined as children not living in their own parent's home.

There has been a significant increase in the shift from out-of-home placement in non-relative foster care to relative (or kinship care). The number of abuse/neglected children living with grandparents, aunts, uncles and other relatives instead of non-relative foster care has steadily climbed over the years. The number of children in relative placements has grown from 6,348 at the end of the FY 2003 to 6,692 at the end of FY 2004.

Termination of Parental Rights:

In FY 2004, 3,433 children became wards of the state compared to FY 2003 when 3,450 children became wards of the state.

Placements of Abuse/Neglect Children:

	<u>Sept 04</u>
• Own Parent Home	2,274
• Relatives (in and out-of-state)	6,692
• Legal Guardians	35
• Foster Care Families	8,024
• Institutions, Including Shelters	1,513
• Detention, Jail and Court Treatment	53
• Independent Living	628
• Mental Health Hospital	23
• AWOL	232
• Other	40

Legal Status of Abuse/Neglect Children:

• Permanent Court Neglect Wards	151
• Temporary Neglect Court Wards	12,775
• MCI State Neglect Wards	6,148
• Other (MCI-O, OTI, Non-Wards)	440

Age, Sex and Race of Abuse/Neglect Children:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Sept 04</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Sept 04</u>
0-6	7,183	White	8,528
7-11	4,600	African American	10,072
12 +	7,731	American Indian	182
		Asian	26
		Multi-Racial	629
<u>Sex</u>		Other & Unknown	77
Male	* 9,757	(Includes Native Hawaiian, Undetermined & No Date)	
Female	* 9,817		

Source of Information:

SV reports from SWSS FAJ data warehouse

* CY-091, Part G